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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

SIR:

Please find an Amendment transmitted herewith for filing in the
above-identified patent application. Applicant respectfully requests a one-month
extension of time in which to respond to the office action dated June 21, 2002, for
which a response period expiring on September 21, 2002 was set. The extended
period expires on October 21, 2002.

Please charge the \$110.00 extension fee and any additional fees
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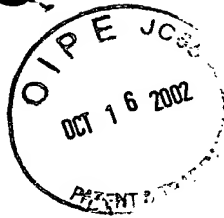
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated June 21, 2002, please amend the
above-identified application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 48, without prejudice.

Please amend claims 47 and 49 as set forth below:

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47. (Amended) A silicon-containing composite material comprising a silicon-
containing material made of Si_3N_4 and a metal silicide, wherein the metal silicide is
selected from the group of Nb_5Si_3 , V_5Si_3 , Ta_5Si_3 and W_5Si_3 , wherein the metal silicide
contains carbon.

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49. (Amended) The composite material of claim 47, wherein the metal silicide
contains carbon with a concentration specific to the composite material of about 0.3 %
by weight to about 0.6 % by weight.

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